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In response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A certified copy of the translation of the Japanese language priority document, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and authorization to pay the 37 CFR Sec. 1.17(p) fee of \$180.00 accompany this response.

AMENDMENT